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FOURTH ANNUAL CHALK FESTIVAL SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 2 AND 3

The sidewalks on the south side of The Cleveland Museum of Art, between Rodin's *Thinker* and the Fine Arts Garden Lagoon, will be decorated with colorful chalk drawings during The Cleveland Museum of Art's fourth annual Chalk Festival, scheduled for Saturday, October 2, and Sunday, October 3, from 10 am to 4 pm. The public are invited to join in the festivities by creating their own chalk drawings on the sidewalks, or by watching amateur and professional artists create original designs and reproduce famous works of art.

The Chalk Festival celebrates a European tradition of street painting that dates back to 16th-century Italy when artists got on their knees to create colorful scenes depicting the Madonna or reproduce famous works of art on village sidewalks and plazas. It was conceived by Robin Van Lear, instructor at The Cleveland Museum of Art, who will create an 8- by 10-foot chalk montage based on works by Impressionist and Post-Impressionist artists at the north entrance to the Museum the week prior to the Festival. During the Festival eight other professional artists--Art Furlow, Dyane Hronek Hanslik, Julie Longhill, Alan Peters, Jesse Rhinehart, Hector M. Vega, Susan Wallwork, and Lyneise Williams--will create large-scale original chalk designs on the sidewalks south of the Museum.

To reserve space for a chalk creation, call The Cleveland Museum of Art at 421-7340, ext. 462, by September 29, or register in person at the Art Museum during the Festival. Fees are \$10 for a large square and \$5 for a small square (materials included). Individuals, families, school, and neighborhood groups are all invited to participate. Children should be accompanied by an adult.

Chalk Festival visitors and participants may park in the Museum's parking lot or deck for a special all-day rate of \$3.

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